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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Final Office Action dated July 31, 2001. Claims 22-54 are currently under examination. A Request for a Continuation Examination (RCE) accompanies this Preliminary Amendment. A further four-month extension of time accompanies this Amendment, extending the time to respond from December 31, 2001 to April 30, 2002.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims the claims as follows:

Please cancel claims 24-30.